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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

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<b>Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION</b>	
Applicant's or agent's file reference R03352 PCT	
International application No. PCT/JP2003/015439	International filing date (day/month/year) 02.12.2003
(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 04.12.2002	
Title of invention COMPACT FRONT-OPERABLE IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	
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**Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**

**Statement concerning amendments:\***

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☒ the international application as originally filed

the description ☐ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 34

the claims ☐ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

☐ as amended under Article 34

the drawings ☐ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 34

2. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 69.1(d).

4. ☐ The applicant expressly wishes the international preliminary examination to start earlier than at the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a).

\* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English

☒ which is the language in which the international application was filed.

☐ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

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| 2. amendments under Article 34   | : | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19  | : | sheets |
| 5. letter  | : | sheets |
| 6. other (specify)   | : | sheets |

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## Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

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